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## Wood County's Little Kanawha RC&D Project Approved For Federal Grant

**Morgantown, WV – January 12, 2006:** State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Rural Business Enterprise Grant of \$95,000 for Little Kanawha Resource Conservation & Development Project, Wood County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to establish a revolving loan fund in nine counties in western WV. Those nine counties include Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wetzel, Wirt and Wood. Loans will be awarded to niche oriented small businesses that utilize natural resources as raw materials for products.

Steptoe remarked, "This project is expected to create 10 jobs. It is a project that exemplifies Rural Development's commitment to the future of rural communities."

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